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8 **United States District Court**
9 **Southern District of California**

10 (Hon. Peter C. Lewis)

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Criminal Case No. 08CR1278DMS(PCL)
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12 Plaintiff,)	Declaration Of Attorney Ned Lynch In
)	Support Of The Material Witness'
13 v.)	Motion For Videotape Deposition And
)	His Release From Custody
14 WILLIAM NAVARRO, and)	
15 ENRIQUE GOMEZ,)	Date: May 13, 2008
)	Time: 1:30 p.m.
16 Defendant(s).)	Judge: Peter C. Lewis
)	Room: El Centro

17 I, Ned Lynch, declare:

18 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California and before the United
19 States District Court for the Southern District of California.

20 2. On April 15, 2008 I was appointed to represent material witness Jorge Arellano-Casillas [the
21 "Material Witness"] in this case. As a material witness attorney one of my primary responsibilities is to help
22 arrange for the release of the material witness from custody as soon as possible. The Material Witness is
23 being held in custody by the U.S. Marshal, with an additional detention hold on him by U.S. immigration
24 authorities. To that end, I promptly conducted interviews with the Material Witness to explain why he was
25 being held and under what conditions he could be released. In most alien smuggling cases such as this one
26 the material witness is released by having a personal surety post a court-approved appearance bond of \$5,000,
27 and for the surety or family of the witness to also satisfy any other release conditions that are imposed by
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1 U.S. immigration authorities. The same circumstances are true for this case.

2 3. The Material Witness does not know anyone who legally resides in the United States who
3 is willing and able to post a court bond for him. The potential leads to find a surety for the witness have been
4 pursued without positive results, despite the efforts to locate a surety by my client, his relatives, and myself.
5 Therefore, the Material Witness is essentially being held in custody without bail, and he will continue to be
6 held indefinitely unless his videotape deposition is taken and he is released from custody. By the time this
7 motion will be heard the Material Witness will be in custody almost 5 weeks (since April 11, 2008).

8 4. The Material Witness informed me his detention is imposing an emotional and mental
9 hardship on him. He has not been charged with any crime. He is young (22 years old) and he has not had
10 any serious legal problems before now. Thus, the lengthy and indefinite nature of the Material Witness'
11 detention is causing him a lot of stress, anxiety, and worry.

12 5. I am not aware of any reason in this case why the testimony of the Material Witness cannot
13 be secured adequately by a videotaped deposition, nor am I aware of any reason why he should not be
14 released once the deposition is concluded.

15 6. The Material Witness is willing to testify about the facts he knows relating to this case.
16 However, there are only a few facts relevant to this case which the witness is competent to testify about--facts
17 that are material and not cumulative to the proposed testimony of the other material witnesses in this case.
18 Specifically, the witness can testify about: (a) his citizenship, (b) who might have transported the witness,
19 and (c) whether the witness agreed to pay anyone.

20 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States the above is true and correct
21 to the best of my knowledge.

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23 Dated: April 29, 2008

s/Ned Lynch

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